



# Life Lines

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## Resolutions

### Godly Men Make Resolutions

It's that time of year when people make resolutions, only to see them fade away in the days which follow. This does not mean that all resolutions are worthless, but when it comes to our resolve in spiritual matters, we should take this seriously. The wisest man, Solomon, said, "When you make a vow to God, do not delay to pay it; for He has no pleasures in fools. Pay what you have vowed—better not to vow than to vow and not pay" (Eccl. 5:4-5). Look at the resolve of three godly men in the Bible.

Personal resolutions. Who would have ever seen Saul of Tarsus, who became the great apostle Paul, as a prospect for conversion? Who would have ever seen him as the author of half of the New Testament books? Yet, God does not see as man sees, for man looks on the outward appearance, but God looks on the heart (1 Sam. 16:7). What was it that God saw that others could not see? Perhaps the answer is found in a resolution Paul made early in his life. He said, "And herein do I exercise myself, to have always a conscience void of offense toward God, and toward man" (Acts



24:16). What a noble resolution the apostle made. Is this one you should make?

Family resolutions. Every godly parent is concerned about the spiritual welfare of every member of the family. Look at the resolution one godly father made. The Jews had entered the land God promised He would give to them. Joshua had successfully led the nation and the land had been taken. He called Israel together and challenged them to make a life changing decision about the future of the new nation.

Joshua presented two choices before them. They could worship the idols in the land they had taken or they could choose to serve God. He then expressed his

resolution about his family. "Fear the Lord and serve Him in sincerity and in truth. . . choose you this day whom you will serve. . . but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:14-15). Is this resolution one you should make for your family?

Broken resolutions. What do you do when you have made promises to God and have failed to live up to them. There was that disciple who expressed his resolve to the Lord when he said, "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You" (Matt. 26:35). Yet, he did deny him. His resolution did not become reality. Fortunately, this is not the end of the story. Less than two months after uttering these words and then cursing and swearing that he did not even know Jesus, he stood before the Jewish nation and preached on Pentecost. What a great story!

Think about it. Are there promises you need to make to the Lord. Even if you have failed before, He can still use you!

*By Dan Jenkins*

## Lines for Ladies

By Pat McAlister

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless!" - Sherry Anderson

If you volunteer, in any form, thank you. If you don't, and are able, shame on you!

There are so many options available that desperately need volunteers. The majority of our clubs and organizations rely heavily on volunteer work. I know many who volunteer in hospitals, in the jail ministry, in hospice, and many others. Volunteers are needed in small cities as well as large ones. In fact, in small cities, most of the work has to be done by volunteers. Money is not available for paid positions. Opportunities are available where ever you live.

Most of the work at church depends on volunteers. We have a few paid positions, but the majority of things done to keep things going, are done behind the scenes by volunteers. From large projects to the smaller ones, someone keeps them done. They aren't paid, but their work is priceless! Probably most of the members don't even know who keeps them in comfort while they are at worship service. It doesn't just happen. These are good folks who give their time and effort, and usually with no thanks.

Anytime you volunteer to help the needy, you are obeying a commandment right from His holy word. In the Old Testament there are numerous accounts of God giving His people ways in which to help the needy. Don't pick all the grain. Leave some of the grapes hanging on the vine. Leave the outer edges of your harvest.

**"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."** (Ephesians 2:8-10)

Our good works will not save us. We are saved by His grace. But, as Paul said, we were created for good works. God prepared us beforehand to do good works. Volunteering is a good work. We volunteer because we care and because there is a need.

Perhaps, later in life, you are unable to help. If you know someone who volunteers, you could sure give them a "thank you" for all their hard work.

## Remember Our Sick



**Cindy Bennett** – Knee surgery Jan. 9<sup>th</sup>

**Susie Boley** – needs our prayers.

**Nancy Callanan** – (Pat's sister) consult Jan. 9<sup>th</sup> at MD Anderson for cervical cancer.

**Johnny Estes** – recovering at home after knee surgery.

**Marion Helton** – Knee surgery on January 7<sup>th</sup> at Russellville

**Gayla Lynch** – hysterectomy Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>

**Pat McAlister** – angiogram at Heart hospital January 7<sup>th</sup>

**Lauren Reynolds** – (Walt Davis family) 10 years old, had a heart transplant but may need another one.

**Merrell Shoptaw** – back surgery February 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Michael Tindall** – needs prayers.

**Earl Whitted** – Knee surgery January 20<sup>th</sup>

### Shut-ins – need prayers and visits:

**Dover Area:** Bob Lee  
Billie Nichols

**Legacy Heights:**  
Bonnie Vinson  
Juanita Whitted

**Russellville Nsg & Rehab:**  
Joe Miller

### Others Who Need Our Prayers:

Carl Adkisson, Amie Barkley, Wm/Susie Boley, Donna Chambers, Troy /Rachel Curtis, Leota Hickey, Ronnie Leavell, Rose Lee, Daniel Loper, Bea McDaniel, Liliya McDaniel, Linda McDaniel, Connie Myers, Becky Miller, Julie Moss, Valentina Penno, Linda Turner, Jon Vance, Joan Vance, Joyce Walters, and Patsy Wisbrock.

**Military:** Pray for our service men and women

### Expectant Mothers:

Rachael Robinson  
Laticia Rainwater  
Jessica Walters  
Andrea Henson

## LAUGHTER

*When's the last time you laughed? If your answer is longer than 12 hours ago, it's been far too long. Check out this story and inspiring message about how laughter can save your life.*

The story goes that a certain court jester went too far one day and insulted his king. The king became so infuriated he sentenced the jester to be executed. His court prayed upon the king to have mercy for this man who had served him well for so many years. After a time, the king relented only enough to give the jester his choice as to how he would like to die.

True to form, the jester replied, "If it's all the same to you, my Lord, I'd like to die of old age."

Certainly in this case, a good sense of humor saved the man's life. It's true for us as well. We may not be faced with a situation where our wit will save us from an execution, but our sense of humor and the ability to laugh at things has proven health benefits that extend and improve our quality of life. Norman Cousins, in his book, *Anatomy of an Illness*, wrote about how he cured himself of cancer by laughing a good part of each day. He rented films of comedies and watched them for hours on end in his hospital room. He had nothing to lose since he'd been diagnosed as terminal. His "experiment" turned out to be a classic example of the healing powers of laughter. If it worked for Cousins with a life-threatening illness, it can work for us to enhance and protect our good health. We should laugh often and heartily. It's good for our digestion and our disposition. Besides, life's too important to take seriously.



## EVENTS

*Ladies' Devo*  
*February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015*  
*Hostess:*

*Men's*  
*Business*  
*Meeting*  
*February 9<sup>th</sup>*  
*@ 7:00 pm*

*We are so pleased to*  
*announce that*  
*Lakyn Barkley*  
*(Pat's granddaughter)*  
*was baptized by her uncle,*  
*Chris Moss, on New Year's*  
*Day!*

*We are also pleased to*  
*announce a new member,*  
*Edward Meadows*  
*who will be worshipping*  
*with us. Be sure to introduce*  
*yourself!*

## Mark Your Calendars

Dover Church of Christ  
Children's Church  
Every Sunday  
11:15 - 12:00 Noon  
Ages 4 thru 8  
Bible Stories and  
Activities  
Ages 1 thru 3  
Nursery Class



## 2015 Theme For Lads-to-Leaders "ONE"

Convention is April 3-5  
in Memphis.  
Scriptures will be from  
**Galatians**  
**Ephesians**  
**Philippians**  
&  
**Colossians**  
*For more information*  
*Contact Chris Moss*

## *January* *Birthdays*

01 *Billy Walters*  
02 *Marilyn Veasman*  
06 *Shelby Bell*  
07 *Aaron Horton*  
*Chris Moss*  
08 *Chad Rainwater*  
09 *Micah Williams*  
10 *Kortland Baldrige*  
14 *Luke Miller*  
15 *Chris Besterfeldt*  
*Amie Barkley*  
17 *Holly Jennings*  
18 *Edward Meadows*  
20 *JoAnn Killer*  
*Teresa Parker*  
*Patsy Wisbrock*  
21 *Bennie Lou Meadows*  
23 *Mary Stamps*  
28 *Mary Ann Cloud*  
30 *Shawn Price*  
*Melissa Jackson*

## In Search of the Lord's Way

The Search Program  
can now be accessed  
any time on their website  
@  
[www.searchtv.org](http://www.searchtv.org)  
Mack Lyon  
or  
Phil Sanders  
weekly lesson can be  
heard and seen on  
LR KASN TV 38  
Sunday @ 7:30 a.m.

# ***THOSE TO SERVE***

***January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015***

**Sunday A.M.**

**Announcer:** Randall Walters  
**Song Leader:** Merrell Shoptaw

## **Prayers**

Rick Hollis  
Sid Womack

## **Communion**

**Podium:** Donny Forehand  
**Serve:** William Boley  
William Robbins  
Shawn Price  
Walt Davis

## **Scripture Reading**

Earl Whitted

**Sunday P.M.**

## **Prayers**

William Boley  
Alan Boatright

# **SPEAKER**

**Sunday A.M.**

Micah Williams

**Sunday P.M.**

Micah Williams

## **Prepare Table for Communion**

Lads & Leaderettes

## **Communion to Shut-Ins**

Chris Moss

## **Greeters**

The Elders

## **Wednesday Night Services**

@

**6:30 p.m.**

## **Meeting Times**

**Sunday Morning Bible Classes**

9:45 A.M.

**Sunday Morning Worship**

10:45 A.M.

**Sunday Evening Worship**

6:00 P.M.

**Ladies Tuesday Bible Class**

10:00 A.M.

**Wednesday Bible Classes**

6:30 P.M.

**Minister: Micah Williams**

**Church Office: 479-331-3428**

**Or Cell: 479-264-9244**

## **Elders:**

William Boley 858-7131  
Allen Veasman 331-2156  
Sid Womack 967-2367

## **Deacons:**

Chris Besterfeldt  
Donny Forehand  
Brent Hottinger  
Chris Loper  
Rex McDaniel  
Chris Moss  
Michael Robbins

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